



AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LEWIS CASS BUILDING

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014

8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Colleen Allen, Chairperson	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Mary Chaliman	Michigan Department of Human Services
Wayne Fuqua	Western Michigan University
Scott Gilman	Network 180
Diane Heinzelman	Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chairperson	Grand Valley State University
Jane Turner	Michigan State University
Joanne Winkelman	Michigan Department of Education
Lynda Zeller representing E. Knisely	Michigan Department of Community Health
COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED	ORGANIZATION
Rhonda Fossitt	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services
Anthony Ianni	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Elizabeth Knisely	Michigan Department of Community Health
Stacie Rulison, Secretary	Autism Alliance of Michigan
MDCH STAFF PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Morgan Aue-VanDenBerg	MDCH, Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Administration
Lori Irish	MDCH, Division of Services to Children and Families
Lisa Grost	MDCH, Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Administration
Min Lee	MDCH, Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Administration
GUESTS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Barbara LeRoy	Developmental Disabilities Institute, Wayne State University
Audra Parson	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services



ROLL CALL

A Roll Call of the Council Members, MDCH staff, and guests was completed.

CALL TO ORDER

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Chair Colleen Allen at 8:40 A.M. A quorum was present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chair Colleen Allen called for a **MOTION** to approve the February minutes. Lynda Zeller made a **MOTION** to approve the February minutes. Jane Turner **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Summary - Lynda Zeller

Senate Bill 655, Behavior Analyst Licensure Legislation was postponed from April Committee for further discussion. LARA is meeting with stakeholders on amending the bill introduced in December 2013. No other activities to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

STANDING REPORTS

Autism Alliance of Michigan - Colleen Allen

Colleen Allen reported that the Autism Alliance of Michigan is working on their annual Gala. The Gala will be held April 26th, 2014 at DTE headquarters.

Western Michigan University - Wayne Fuqua

Wayne Fuqua reported Western Michigan University will host the Michigan Autism Conference on September 25th and 26th with an ADOS-2 Booster training on September 24 and both are co-sponsored by MDCH. Western Michigan University is seeking a faculty member to lead an online BCBA Training program and Oakland University is looking to hire faculty for their ABA program. Central Michigan University recently hired a BCBA-D credentialed faculty member for the Behavior Analysis Program and they will host a VB-MAPP training on June 19th and 20th co-sponsored by MDCH.

- Michigan Autism Conference Registration: <http://www.michiganautismconference.org/>
- VB-MAPP Training Registration: <https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/chsbs/Psychology/BCBA/Documents/VB-MAPP-Workshop-Flyer.pdf>

Discussion occurred regarding a site for an autism conference and training calendar. MDCH is tracking state conferences and training and will provide a list to Council members. Colleen Allen suggested Council members attend conferences when possible to demonstrate support of statewide education/trainings.

Michigan State University - Jane Turner

Jane Turner reported Michigan State University is exploring collaborative opportunities with the Clinton Eaton Ingham Community Mental Health to develop an Autism Center. Michigan State University is also looking to fill an autism faculty clinical research position.

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District - Diane Heinzelman

Diane Heinzelman reported the Education subcommittee is exploring educational collaborative opportunities with BCBAs; defining the best practices, evidence-based practices, clinical coordination; and report writing



to benefit children in the education setting.

Michigan Department of Education - Joanne Winkleman

Joanne Winkleman updated the Autism Council on the Proposed Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education. The public comment period has ended. MDE is reviewing comments for final rule promulgation. MDE has three new deputy superintendents and Superintendent Mike Flanagan will be retiring in 2015.

Grand Valley State University - Amy Matthews

Amy Matthews updated the Autism Council on the Statewide Autism Resource and Training (START) contract and START Conference. MDE released the RFP which funds the START contract. START will be reapplying and will embed more evaluation and partners in their proposal. The START Conference is on April 28th, 2014 and is sold out with 450 participants. On April 29th, 2014, the START Regional Collaborative meeting will be held to discuss priority issues regarding education supports and service coordination.

Department of Human Services - Mary Chaliman

Mary Chaliman reported DHS is in the process of developing a Behavioral Health Workgroup focusing on Medicaid children's access to mental health services. The workgroup will involve the MDCH, PIHP, CMH, and health plans. The Workgroup is expected to start meeting in May 2014.

Department of Community Health - Lynda Zeller representing Elizabeth Knisely

Lynda Zeller reported the Autism Program staff has started site visits to be in compliance with the federal requirements and have been working on the Web Support Application to collect accurate program data. Lynda shared there is a huge lack of capacity of ABA providers to service children eligible for ABA under the Medicaid Autism Benefit. She asked the Autism Council for their assistance with a statewide effort to address this priority. Colleen inquired about whether DCH has explored other options for service delivery, such as the WMU tele-health behavioral services. Lisa Grost reported that the Medicaid Autism benefit cannot be provided through tele-health.

MDCH did not fund an agency from the Mental Health Innovation Grant due to only one applicant. It will be revisited after the 2015 Budget is finalized.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Early Identification Early Intervention Subcommittee – Amy Matthews and Jane Turner

Amy Matthews reported the EIEI Intervention Subcommittee is identifying the critical components of practice and navigation of systems. Jane Turner reported the EIEI Identification Subcommittee is working to identify access into systems and designing flowcharts and toolkits to assist individuals to navigate different systems.

Adult Service Subcommittee - Stacie Rulison

The topic was tabled for the next meeting.

Education Subcommittee – Joanne Winkleman

Education Subcommittee was covered during Diane Heinzelman's standing report.

Insurance Ad Hoc Committee – Colleen Allen

Colleen reported the Committee continues to meet quarterly to address service and coverage challenges. Wayne Fuqua has offered to lead a BCBA workgroup with insurers in Michigan. DIFS amended policy to mandate removal of visit limits for ABA in 2015. This removal of visit limits is also for speech and



occupational therapy for children with ASD only.

Crisis Management Ad Hoc Committee – Scott Gilman

Scott Gilman reported the Crisis Management Ad Hoc Committee is in the process of gathering crisis response capacity data from the 10 PIHP regions. The Ad Hoc Committee will make recommendations to the Autism Council based on PIHPs who have appropriate/effective crisis response procedures/processes and research regarding best practices for Michigan

Next Steps for Committees – Colleen Allen

- Communication Plan for Products – Colleen Allen
 - The Council agreed to approve the final documents of the subcommittees. The approval will be made as the Michigan Autism Council. MDCH staff will work with Communications Department on proposed templates for the products.
 - Autism Resource Information Center – not covered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

National Leadership Autism Collaborative – Colleen Allen, Stacie Rulison and Jane Turner

Colleen Allen reported the National Leadership Autism Collaborative discusses current trends and meets monthly. Lynda Zeller requested the information for these monthly calls be shared with Lisa Grost and Morgan Aue VanDenBerg so there is MDCH representation on the calls. Colleen offered to get the information to MDCH staff. Amy Matthews reported on a National Autism Leadership Summit on November 18th, 2014. http://conference.ocali.org/view.php?nav_id=106

Mental Health Commission Report Educational Objective – Colleen Allen and Lisa Grost

The Education Subcommittee will be reviewing this objective. Diane Heinzelman indicated they are working on elements of this objective and will report to the Council. Objective leads are Diane Heinzelman representing the Autism Council, Lisa Grost representing MDCH, and it needs to be determined if Joanne Winkelman or another staff will represent MDE.

Mental Health Commission Report Employment Objective – Lynda Zeller

The Autism Council agreed the objective aligns with the ASD State Plan. Lynda will provide an update to Director Haveman and keep the Autism Council members updated the progress of this objective.

BCBA Licensure Legislation – Wayne Fuqua

The topic was covered during the legislative update.

NEW BUSINESS

Michigan Autism Registry – Colleen Allen

Colleen led a discussion on the needs of a Michigan Autism Registry. Amy Matthews offered to share the research results she found on registries in other states. Colleen indicated she would draft a list of questions to ask other states and report back to the Autism Council for discussion at a future meeting.

2014 ASD State Plan Report – Lynda Zeller

Lynda inquired on the development of the 2014 ASD State Plan Report format. It was discussed a draft should be submitted to the Council members in August 2014 and final review at the October 2014 meeting. Colleen Allen, Wayne Fuqua, Amy Matthews and Stacie Rulison will oversee the compilation of report.



START Presentation – Amy Matthews

Presentation postponed for a future meeting.

DSM 5/Autism Insurance Public Act – Colleen Allen

Colleen questioned if the Autism Insurance Public Act should be addressed to include DSM 5 and Affordable Health Care elements. This topic was tabled for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. The next Autism Council meeting will be *June 27, 2014* in the Lewis Cass 5 Large Conference Room.